

S.B.I. Regional Office in Orissa

4911. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representations to shift the regional office of State Bank of India from Sambalpur to Bolangir in, Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These representations contain suggestions for shifting the Office of State Bank of India from Samalpur to bolangir Orissa.

(c) Regional Offices of banks are established by them having regard to the number of branches, their level of business, geographical contiguity, availability of infrastructural facilities, cost benefit analysis as also the need for supervision and convenience. At present SBI have only 24 branches in bolangir district and it will be uneconomical to have a Regional office there.

Widening of N.H. No. 43

4912 SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widening work of National Highway No. 43 from Kotpad to Salur has been completed;

(b) if not, which are the portions pending completion; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Out of 158.60 km length of NH-43 between Kotpad (km. 330) and Salur (Km. 488.60) widening to two lanes in 38.455 kms has been completed. Widening in 20.05 kms in widening in 7.60 kms in Andhra Pradesh stands sanctioned. In an aggregate length of 92.495 kms in different stretches widening is yet to be approved.

(c) widening work is taken up in a phased manner subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority of other works all over India.

Revenue collection in Tamil Nadu

4913. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7482 on April 28, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the pending cases have since been adjudicated and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount of revenue collected therefrom;

(c) the number of new cases of central excise and income tax evasion in Tamil Nadu that have come to the notice during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken to revitalise and revamp the central excise and income tax departments in Tamil Nadu to check evasion of taxes and to increase the revenue earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs.4.55 lakhs has been realised from these cases.

(c) During the last three years 874 cases of evasion of Central Excise duty by manufacturers of fire works and safety matches have been detected in the State of Tamil Nadu and in the same period search was conducted by the Income Tax authorities only in one case of fireworks and safety matches manufactures in Tamil Nadu resulting in detection of concealed income of Rs.58.68 lakhs.

(d) Combating tax evasion is a continuous exercise and the Government takes necessary administrative and legislative steps as deemed appropriate from time to time to check evasion of taxes and to maximise revenue collections. Searches and other investigations in appropriate cases are undertaken for detection of tax evasion. For this purpose central excise transit cheques have been further intensified. Production of the manufacturers is being constantly monitored to check clandestine removals. The Chief Commissioners of Income Tax have been advised to accord highest priority to the work of collection of outstanding demands along with the realisation of current dues.

Loans for Cooperative sugar factories

4914. SHRI ANNA JOSHI
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA.
SHRI P.S. CHETAN
CHAUHAN:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of proposals for financial assistance to new cooperative sugar factories are pending with the financial institutions like the Industrial Finance Corporation of India;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by

the Government to expedite grant of financial assistance to these new cooperative sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has reported that there are 40 applications pending with the financial institutions in respect of grass root sugar factories from the Co-operative sector. State-wise list of these Co-operative sugar factories is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) IFCI has reported that in view of the steep increase in the capital cost of grass root sugar factories, apart from increase in the cost of raw-material and other inputs without commensurate increase in the net realisation from sugar, these projects are no longer considered viable on the basis of the existing debt equity ratio of 60: 40. Government is consequently aware of the need for a review in the incentives, as also other steps necessary for improving the viability position of sugar factories.

STATEMENT

(a) MAHARASHTRA

1. Shrivashakti Adivasi SSK Ltd. Buldhana District.
2. Akola SSK Ltd. Barshitoli, Distt. Akola.
3. Sant muktabal SSK Ltd. Adilabad, Distt. Jalgaon.
4. Ram Ganesh godkari SSK Ltd., Saoner, Distt. Nagpur.
5. Shetkari SSK Ltd. Hinganghat, District Wardha.
6. Amba SSK Ltd., Anjangaon District Amravati.